

1 **VIDEO AND MULTIMEDIA BROWSING WHILE SWITCHING BETWEEN VIEWS**

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Abstract

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Preferred implementations of the invention permit a user to seamlessly switch from a first

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media stream to a second media stream in a synchronized way, such that the second media

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stream picks up where the first media stream left off. In this way, the user experiences events

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chronologically but without interruption. In a preferred implementation, a user watching a skim

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video switches to a full length video when, for example, the skim video reaches a frame that is of

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particular interest to the user. The full length video begins at a point corresponding to the frame

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in the skim video that is of interest to the user, without skipping over video segments, so that the

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user does not experience any time gaps in the story line.

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